

Editorial

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Welcome all to the year 2011.

First of all, I would like to thank all authors for their strong interest and participation in the Visual Computer. The good news is that more papers have been submitted during the year 2010. Between the 1st of November 2009 and the 31st of October 2010, we have received 148 original research submissions, an increase of 25% compared to the previous year.

Among all these submissions, the highest contribution comes from China with 69 submissions. This more than doubles the number of Chinese submissions in 2009 (31 submissions).

For this year, we have accepted 30 papers out of 148 submissions. The acceptance rate is 20.26%.

For the Conference on Computer Graphics International (CGI'2010) that was led in Singapore, we have received a very high number of submissions (305 papers). Seventy-two papers were selected and published in the Visual Computer. The acceptance rate is of 23.6%.

This year, Dr Pierre Alliez from Inria in France left the editorial board. I take this opportunity to thank him for his constant commitment and hard work for the journal.

New members have joined the editorial board upon our invitation and I like to welcome them:

- Prof. Prosenjit K. Bose (Carleton University, Canada)
- Prof. Ron Fedkiw (Stanford University, USA)
- Prof. Enrico Gobbetti (Visual Computing Group, the Centre for Advanced Studies, Research and Development in Sardinia, Italy)

- Dr. Mark Grundland (Eyemaginary.com, UK)
- Dr. Joachim Gudmundsson (National ICT Australia, Australia)
- Prof. Shi-Min Hu (Tsinghua University, China)
- Prof. Ramakrishna Kakarala (Nanyang Technological University, Singapore)
- Prof. Jan Kautz (University College London, UK)
- Prof. Tong-Yee Lee (National Cheng-Kung University, Taiwan)
- Dr. Yasuyuki Matsushita (Microsoft Research Asia, China)
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- Prof. Oh Young Song (Sejong University, Korea)
- Prof. Dimitri Van De Ville (University of Geneva / Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne, Switzerland)
- Prof. Johannes Wallner (Graz University of Technology, Austria)
- Dr. Jue Wang (Adobe Systems Inc., Creative Technologies Lab, USA)
- Prof. Daniel Weiskopf (Stuttgart University, Germany)
- Prof. Tien-Tsin Wong (Chinese University of Hong Kong, China)
- Prof. Shuicheng Yan (National University of Singapore, Singapore)
- Prof. Jianmin Zheng (Nanyang Technological University, Singapore)
- Prof. Kun Zhou (Zhejiang University, China)

For the coming year, we schedule the following issues:

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- January: Regular Issue
- February: Special Issue: 3DAH 2010 (3D Anatomical Human Summer School, Greece)
- March: Regular Issue
- April: Special Issue: Cyberworlds 2010 (International Conference on CYBERWORLDS 2010, Singapore)
- May: Regular Issue
- Jun–Aug: Special Issue: CGI 2011 (Triple Special Issue, Computer Graphics International 2011, Ottawa, Canada)
- September: Regular Issue
- October: Special Issue: 3DOR 2010 (Third Eurographics Workshop on 3D Object Retrieval, Norrköping, Sweden)
- November: Special Issue: SIBGRAPI 2010 (Conference on Graphics, Patterns and Images 2011, Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil)
- December: Special Issue: ICVGIP 2010 (Seventh Indian Conference on Computer Vision, Graphics and Image Processing, Chennai, India)

I would like to thank our associate editors and our reviewers for their commitment to the journal. Without them, the journal could not be published. We are always amazed to see how reviewers spend so much of their time to read papers and make comments that are so useful for the authors.

As you will see in the list below, more than 300 reviewers have evaluated the submitted papers. We like to thank them for their contribution to the journal. We are also grateful to our readers for appreciating our journal.

Our warmest thanks go to Gabriele Stjepanovic who has been editor at Springer, Germany for the Visual Computer during many years. She retired last year and we take this opportunity to officially thank her for her great contribution to the journal.

We have the pleasure to introduce Ms Beate Uhl, our new Springer editor and to welcome her on board.

I wish to all of you a nice academic year and I hope that we will continue to improve the quality of our publications and the ranking of the journal. This year, the impact factor is 0.786. One of the reasons of this low score is the lack of associate editors in some specific topics. We have now selected a bunch of top researchers in the missing fields and we are sure that from now on we have the right associate editors for each paper submitted. As another improvement, we will shorten the reviewing process to two months in order to allow top researchers to send their papers preferably to our journal. This will require a lot of effort from our associate editors and reviewers, but taking this decision we are on the way to improve the quality and service of our journal.

I wish you all the best for this New Year, a rewarded academic year and also a successful personal life.